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Abstract

The invention is based on a method for operating an internal combustion engine, in which fuel is injected directly into a combustion chamber as a main injection and a postinjection and optionally also as a preinjection, by means of an injection nozzle with a plurality of injection bores, the preinjection and the postinjection preferably being carried out cyclically. To minimize the wetting of the combustion chamber walls, during the postinjection the partial quantities of fuel and a lift of the nozzle needle of the injection nozzle are set in such a manner that for each partial quantity of the postinjection injected into the combustion chamber the reach of the respective fuel jet in the combustion chamber is limited in such a manner that the reach is less than the distance to a combustion chamber boundary.